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1 the defendant, the vehicle that struck the young  
2 lady, was traveling the speed limit as she  
3 entered the intersection, correct?

4 **A I would say yes.**

5 Q Okay. And you indicated that as she  
6 entered the intersection there were four  
7 pedestrians in the crosswalk westbound, correct?

8 **A I don't know where the other three  
9 were at the time that your client got hit.**

10 Q Understood. But -- but prior to that  
11 when you first saw the young lady --

12 **A Okay.**

13 Q -- you indicated that there were three  
14 other pedestrians who were walking several feet  
15 behind her westbound, correct?

16 **A Correct.**

17 Q And I am just trying to understand  
18 your perspective on this. Please forgive me.

19 **A No problem.**

20 Q But you have got -- you have got a  
21 yellow flashing light which means proceed with  
22 caution. You have got four pedestrians in a

1 clearly designated, painted crosswalk and you  
2 have got a driver who drives into an intersection  
3 controlled by a yellow flashing light at the  
4 posted speed limit. And -- and -- and am I  
5 correct that you think there was nothing she  
6 could do that would have avoided this accident?

7 MR. FLEISHMAN: Objection to the form.

8 MR. HUDSON: Understood.

9 BY MR. HUDSON:

10 Q You can answer.

11 **A Correct. In my -- in my opinion,  
12 yeah, I don't think there is anything that she  
13 could have done.**

14 Q Okay. You indicated that she jammed  
15 on her brakes. At what point did you see any  
16 evidence that she was applying her brakes prior  
17 to the impact?

18 **A I -- I couldn't tell that she braked  
19 prior to the impact. I couldn't tell. I  
20 couldn't see her rear end.**

21 Q Do you have any reason to believe she  
22 braked prior to the impact?

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1 **A I am not going to speculate. I  
2 don't -- I don't know, honestly.**

3 Q Can you make -- can you, as you sit  
4 here today, tell me any observations you made  
5 that would serve as basis for believing that she  
6 applied her brakes at any time prior to the point  
7 of impact.

8 **A As soon as she hit that pedestrian she  
9 stopped immediately. I didn't hear tires  
10 screeching or anything. It -- it seemed like it  
11 was she hit and the car stopped at the same time.**

12 Q Again, the question was prior to the  
13 point of impact did you make any observations --

14 **A I did not.**

15 Q -- that serves as the basis -- you did  
16 not. Okay. I am almost done, I promise you.

17 **A I hope everything works out for both  
18 sides. I know it was a scary, scary situation.  
19 I am glad she is alive.**

20 Q She is, too.

21 MR. FLEISHMAN: Everyone is.

22 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

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1 BY MR. HUDSON:

2 Q Now, you indicated that when you spoke  
3 with the officer he asked you some questions and  
4 then he wrote things down.

5 **A Yes.**

6 Q And there is -- there is a written  
7 statement that was produced by the Ocean City  
8 Police Department, and I -- I see where you  
9 signed it. The handwriting, though, that -- that  
10 describes what you saw did you write that or did  
11 he?

12 **A That was me. So he wrote in his  
13 notebook my information, right? And then he went  
14 back to his car and gave me a paper and it said  
15 to -- he told me to explain in very good detail  
16 that I can remember what happened. So everything  
17 was in my -- my writing.**

18 Q Okay.

19 **A I hope you can read it because I don't  
20 write the best.**

21 Q No, it's -- it's -- compared to mine  
22 it's wonderful.

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1	to --	1	<b>A Yes.</b>
2	MR. FLEISHMAN: Yeah, so I have to see	2	Q And you didn't hear any tires
3	what happened. It might be helpful to me. I	3	screeching?
4	know we have the police report and the narrative	4	<b>A Not that I recall, no.</b>
5	but I didn't see --	5	Q Okay. And you didn't see any, like,
6	MR. HUDSON: Bear with me one second,	6	tire marks or skidmarks?
7	David.	7	<b>A To be honest with you, I didn't look</b>
8	MR. FLEISHMAN: Sure. We can go off	8	<b>for tire marks or skidmarks, no.</b>
9	the record for a minute.	9	Q All right. Would you -- based on how
10	(Thereupon, a break was taken, and the	10	you described it with the car stopping within
11	deposition continued as follows:)	11	12 seconds of hitting her, would you agree that the
12	EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT	12	car had to be slowing down before the impact?
13	BY MR. FLEISHMAN:	13	<b>A For it to stop as soon as it hit the</b>
14	Q All right. I will agree that your	14	<b>pedestrian, yeah, I would say yes.</b>
15	handwriting is better than mine as well.	15	Q Okay. And that's what you are saying
16	All right. Just a few very brief	16	17 happened?
17	follow-ups. The -- I know that Mr. Hudson had	17	<b>A Yes.</b>
18	asked you about the lane in which my client's	18	Q And as far as going the speed limit,
19	vehicle was in at the time of the impact, right?	19	that's what you are estimating? She could have
20	<b>A Okay.</b>	20	21 been going less than the speed limit, could have
21	Q And you had said lane four, which is	21	been going the speed limit? You are not...
22	that lane directly next to that left turning	22	<b>A See, Mr. -- Mr. Hudson asked me if I</b>
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1	lane?	1	<b>1 noticed that she was slowing down. And I did</b>
2	<b>A Correct.</b>	2	<b>2 not -- I -- I can't tell if she was slowing down</b>
3	Q All right. And -- and I just want to	3	<b>3 or not. That's why I think she was going the</b>
4	confirm that when I was questioning you the first	4	<b>4 speed limit because as soon as she hit that lady</b>
5	time that you saw her vehicle was when you had	5	<b>5 she stopped instantly.</b>
6	said the front of her vehicle would have been	6	<b>Now, I am not sure what the speed</b>
7	towards the back of that white car?	7	<b>7 limit is. So she couldn't have been going that</b>
8	<b>A That is correct.</b>	8	<b>8 fast is why I am saying that because as soon as</b>
9	Q Okay. And so you saw her vehicle only	9	<b>9 she hit that lady she come to an instant stop.</b>
10	very shortly before the impact?	10	Q Okay. That's fair. We keep saying
11	<b>A Correct.</b>	11	11 the speed limit but I guess no one has actually
12	Q Just a few seconds you said?	12	12 asked the question of what -- what do you believe
13	<b>A Correct.</b>	13	13 the speed limit was?
14	Q All right. And so if she was	14	<b>A Yeah, I -- I think it's 35 or 45 but I</b>
15	traveling in a different lane before that and had	15	<b>15 could be wrong. I don't know.</b>
16	moved over to that lane immediately before, you	16	Q Okay. And would you agree with me if
17	wouldn't know that?	17	17 she was going 35 at the time of the impact the
18	<b>A That is correct. I wouldn't have</b>	18	18 car wouldn't have just been able to stop?
19	<b>noticed.</b>	19	<b>A Right. Correct.</b>
20	Q And you indicated that her -- that my	20	Q All right. So she had -- you would --
21	client's vehicle came to a stop at the moment of	21	it would make sense that she was probably going
22	the impact?	22	22 less than that at the time?

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1	<b>A Yes.</b>	1	<b>mine.</b>
2	Q And --	2	Q Do you recall whether she was wearing
3	MR. FLEISHMAN: Well, actually, I	3	eyeglasses or sunglasses?
4	think that's all that I got.	4	<b>A I don't remember. I don't think she</b>
5	Bill?	5	<b>was wearing either but I -- I honestly don't</b>
6	MR. HUDSON: I have one further line	6	<b>remember.</b>
7	of questioning, if you -- if you will indulge me.	7	Q Do you recall whether she spoke with
8	EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF	8	an accent?
9	BY MR. HUDSON:	9	<b>A I think she had a little accent. I am</b>
10	Q Did -- did you happen to see where her	10	<b>from Pennsylvania. So everybody further south of</b>
11	phone went as a result of the impact?	11	<b>me has a little accent.</b>
12	<b>A I did not. I remember her phone</b>	12	MR. HUDSON: Okay. I -- I have no
13	<b>sliding across the blacktop towards the middle.</b>	13	further questions. Thanks again.
14	<b>I don't know how far away from her it was but I</b>	14	MR. FLEISHMAN: All right, Mr. Beegle,
15	<b>do you remember her phone flying and sliding</b>	15	that's it. So we appreciate your time.
16	<b>across the road.</b>	16	I have just got to let you know that
17	Q Do you recall anything about what	17	you have the -- you have the right to read your
18	happened to her earbuds as a result?	18	deposition transcript and the court reporter can
19	<b>A I -- I do not.</b>	19	send it to you. You can read it. You can
20	Q Do you recall whether she was carrying	20	confirm everything in there is accurate and then
21	anything other than her cell phone?	21	you can sign or you can waive that right and
22	<b>A I don't remember.</b>	22	22 under the assumption that the court reporter was
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1	Q Other than that she was wearing a	1	able to understand and hear everything that you
2	holiday -- Quality Inn shirt or a badge or	2	said and accurately recorded your testimony.
3	something, do you remember anything about her	3	I can't advise you but it's totally up
4	attire?	4	to you what you want to do. Ordinarily people --
5	<b>A She had -- I do not. I just remember</b>	5	THE WITNESS: I will waive.
6	<b>the badge saying Quality Inn and her name.</b>	6	MR. FLEISHMAN: Okay. Ordinarily
7	Q But you don't remember whether she was	7	people do if there is no issues hearing but let's
8	wearing shorts or long pants?	8	just ask the court reporter first, make sure.
9	<b>A I do not.</b>	9	COURT REPORTER: Everything sounded
10	Q Don't recall the color of her pants?	10	10 fine.
11	<b>A I do not.</b>	11	MR. FLEISHMAN: Okay. All right, Mr.
12	Q Don't recall what kind or color of	12	Beegle.
13	shirt she was wearing?	13	THE WITNESS: I will waive everything.
14	<b>A I think it was black but I am not a</b>	14	14 That's all I can remember. I am totally honest
15	<b>hundred percent sure.</b>	15	15 so...
16	Q Do you recall what kind of footwear	16	MR. FLEISHMAN: We appreciate your --
17	she was wearing?	17	17 we appreciate your time.
18	<b>A No, I don't remember that, either.</b>	18	THE WITNESS: Thank you, guys. I
19	Q Do you remember whether she had long	19	19 appreciate it.
20	or short hair?	20	COURT REPORTER: And, Mr. Hudson, are
21	<b>A I think it was shoulder length. Is</b>	21	21 you ordering a copy of the transcript?
22	<b>that long? It's longer than yours. Longer than</b>	22	MR. HUDSON: I am going to wait until